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Fox Valley Area Unadjusted Unemployment Rate Declines in November

During November, the unemployment rate for the Fox Valley Workforce Delivery Area dropped to 4.0 percent. This was a decrease of 0.1 of a percentage point from October. While the size of the decrease is quite small, it is unusual for November. On average over the last twelve years, the rate for the region normally increases 0.2 of a percentage point, so a decrease is especially welcome.

Not every county in the region experienced a decrease in their unemployment rates over the month. Those that did have an increase had a less than average increase in their unemployment rates with the exception of Fond du Lac where the increase of 0.1 of a percentage point was the same as the average.

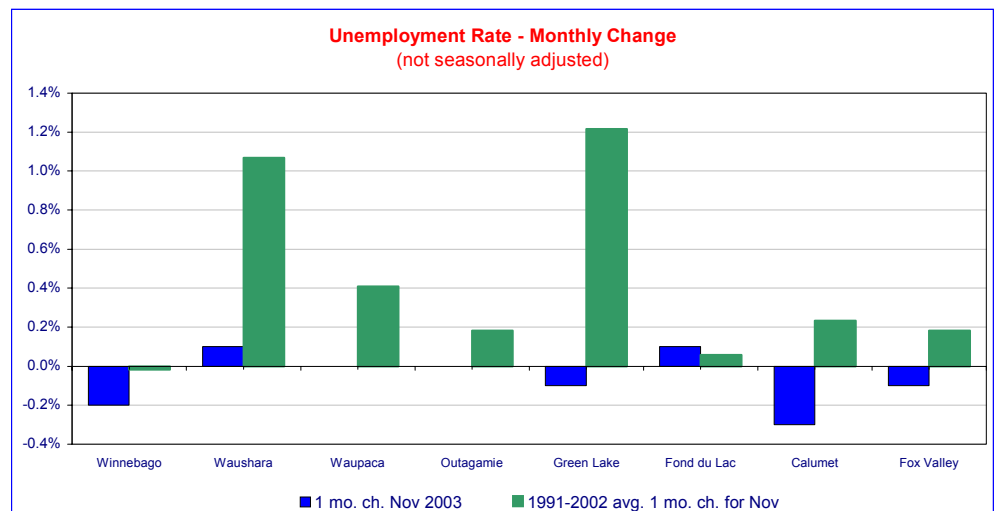
The Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA had the lowest rate in the region at 3.9 percent. This was a decrease of 0.1 of a percentage point. The MSA's rate was down 0.6 of a percentage point from last November. At the same time, Green Lake County had the highest rate in the region

at 5.4 percent. The rate for Green Lake was down 0.2 of a percentage point from last month and 0.7 of a percentage point from last year.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
November-2003				
Civilian Labor Force	240,000	3,091,000	147,277	
Employment	229,700	2,937,600	138,603	
Unemployment	10,300	153,400	8,674	
Unemployment rate	4.3%	5.0%	5.9%	
October-2003 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	200	(17,000)	484	
Employment	900	(3,100)	589	
Unemployment	(700)	(13,900)	(105)	
Unemployment rate	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.1%	
November-2002 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	4,400	65,200	2,097	
Employment	5,900	80,000	2,061	
Unemployment	(1,600)	(14,800)	37	
Unemployment rate	-0.7%	-0.6%	-0.1%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

The labor force in the region declined 800 between October and November to 349,000. The number employed declined 500 to 335,000 over the month. While the labor force and number of employed declined, both were above last November's level. The number estimated to be unemployed remained unchanged at



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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA declined 0.3 of a percentage point to 4.3 percent. The rate was 0.7 of a percentage point below last November. Rates for some of the other MSA's around the state were: Green Bay, 4.5 percent; Sheboygan, 4.3 per-

cent; Milwaukee, 5.6 percent and Madison, 2.5 percent. The nation's unemployment rate was 5.9 percent, and Wisconsin's was 5.0 percent.

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November 2003	App/Osh/ Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Fox Valley Non MSA's	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	238,700	58,800	10,900	28,200	12,500	349,000	110,400	3,074,600
Employed	229,500	56,400	10,300	26,900	11,900	335,000	105,500	2,937,600
Unemployed	9,200	2,300	600	1,200	600	14,000	4,700	137,000
Unemployment rate(%)	3.9%	4.0%	5.4%	4.4%	4.9%	4.0%	4.3%	4.5%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.0%
Total Nonfarm	209,600	49,800	7,800	22,100	6,300	295,500	85,900	2,799,800
Total Private	185,200	43,600	6,400	17,800	4,800	257,800	72,600	2,376,900
Goods Producing	66,200	13,600	1,900	5,900	1,000	88,600	22,400	632,100
Service Producing	143,400	36,100	5,900	16,200	5,300	206,900	63,500	2,167,700
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	13,600	3,000	600	900	400	18,400	4,800	123,800
Manufacturing	52,600	10,600	1,300	5,000	700	70,200	17,600	508,300
Trade	30,900	7,300	900	3,100	1,000	43,200	12,300	446,100
Transportation & Utilities	6,900	1,400	250	500	400	9,500	2,600	328,600
Financial Activities	11,200	1,900	400	800	200	14,500	3,300	158,500
Education and Health Services	21,100	6,600	1,100	2,800	800	32,400	11,300	372,500
Leisure & Hospitality	15,700	5,000	900	2,600	800	25,000	9,300	232,400
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	33,200	7,700	900	2,200	600	44,600	11,400	961,100
Total Government	24,400	6,200	1,300	4,300	1,500	37,700	13,300	422,900
Federal	1,000	600	60	100	100	1,900	900	28,400
State	5,500	5,140	20	900	400	7,400	1,900	104,200
Local	17,900	5,300	1,200	3,300	1,100	28,800	10,900	290,300
Change from one month ago October 2003								
Civilian Labor Force*	0	-400	-100	-100	0	-800	-600	-15,900
Employed	300	-500	-100	-200	0	-500	-800	-11,900
Unemployed	-300	0	0	0	0	-300	0	-4,000
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.4%
Total Nonfarm	700	-200	-140	-100	0	200	-500	-4,500
Total Private	500	-200	-120	-200	-100	-100	-600	-10,100
Goods Producing	500	-300	20	-100	0	200	-300	-4,900
Service Producing	200	100	-170	-100	0	0	-200	400
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-100	-100	-30	0	0	-200	-100	-3,800
Manufacturing	600	-200	50	0	0	400	-200	-1,100
Trade	600	200	-10	20	0	800	200	4,600
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	-20	0	0	0	0	6,200
Financial Activities	-100	0	10	0	0	-100	0	800
Education and Health Services	-100	0	-10	30	0	-100	0	100
Leisure & Hospitality	-500	-100	-110	-200	-100	-900	-400	-7,000
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	100	0	-10	0	0	100	0	-3,200
Total Government	200	0	-20	90	100	300	100	5,600
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-200
State	200	0	0	-10	0	200	0	2,900
Local	0	0	-20	90	100	100	100	2,900
Change from one year ago November 2002								
Civilian Labor Force*	4,400	1,800	300	1,200	800	8,400	4,100	58,500
Employed	5,700	1,800	300	1,300	800	10,000	4,200	71,800
Unemployed	-1,400	-100	0	-100	-100	-1,700	-300	-13,300
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.6%	-0.2%	-0.7%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-0.6%	-0.4%	-0.5%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.6%
Total Nonfarm	100	600	-100	500	300	1,400	1,300	-5,100
Total Private	700	600	-100	300	300	1,800	1,100	4,500
Goods Producing	600	-400	-100	-100	0	0	-500	-22,800
Service Producing	-400	900	0	600	200	1,400	1,800	17,800
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-200	100	0	0	0	-100	100	-6,300
Manufacturing	700	-500	-100	-100	0	100	-600	-16,500
Trade	0	100	0	0	0	100	100	9,400
Transportation & Utilities	0	-100	0	0	100	-100	0	6,600
Financial Activities	100	100	0	100	0	300	200	4,600
Education and Health Services	0	0	0	100	0	100	100	11,100
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	400	0	200	100	400	700	1,000
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	500	500	0	0	0	1,000	500	17,000
Total Government	-600	0	0	200	0	-400	200	-9,500
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	-100	0	-1,200
State	-200	0	0	0	0	-100	0	-2,900
Local	-400	0	0	200	0	-200	200	-5,400

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. N/A = Data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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